

COMMUNITY CONNECTION NEWSLETTER



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City of Taylor Donation Program

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- City of Taylor Public Library
- Parks and Recreation
- Public Arts
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City Manager Message

Another summer has come and gone! As we begin another school year, we are also beginning work on several needed infrastructure projects for Taylor streets and roads.

This month we will start seeing construction work on the 2023 Street Maintenance Program, which we're calling **Taylor on the Move!** The project includes significant improvements to City streets, including seal coating, sidewalk reconstruction, street reclamation with new surface asphalt, signing, striping, and traffic control, with significant improvements to Mallard Lane, Second, and Fourth streets. In addition, there will be some travel lane changes, additional parking spaces added downtown, and bike lanes installed on Mallard Lane and Fourth Street. Residents, business owners, and visitors can learn more about the project on the [Taylor on the](#)

[Move! page \[https://www.ci.taylor.tx.us/1171/Taylor-on-the-Move\]](https://www.ci.taylor.tx.us/1171/Taylor-on-the-Move) on the City's website.

As the students at Taylor ISD head back to the classroom, I want to remind everyone to keep students' safety in mind. Remember to slow down in school zones, watch out for students exiting school buses and allow for extra travel time if your route takes you near a school zone during morning and afternoon pick up and drop off times.

To celebrate the beginning of the school year, the City of Taylor Parks Department will host the final Movies in the Park for the season on Friday, August 11, from 7-11 p.m. at Memorial Field. They will be screening the classic school film, Remember the Titans. The event will feature a BBQ plate fundraiser for the TISD Class of 2025, a visit from the Taylor Duck Football Team, and the opportunity to meet the School Resource Officers who will be on campus throughout the school year. It's sure to be a fun event, and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there to send the students, faculty and staff back to school on a happy note!

I hope everyone has a wonderful August. Take care, be safe, and **GO DUCKS!**

Sincerely,

Brian LaBorde
City Manager

Webpage Created for 2023 Street Maintenance Project

Construction for the City of Taylor 2023 Street Maintenance Project will be underway in the coming weeks, and to help keep residents informed about the project, the City has created an informational communications campaign called Taylor on the Move! The campaign includes a landing page on the City's website where residents, business owners, and visitors can learn more about the project and find regular updates on the project timeline, progress, and traffic disruptions. The page is available now at <https://bit.ly/TaylorOnTheMove> [<https://bit.ly/TaylorOnTheMove>], and is also linked from the City's home page at www.taylortx.gov [<http://www.taylortx.gov>].



Taylor on the Move! is part of the 2022 Infrastructure Bond approved by Council in a public meeting on December 8, 2022. It will include seal coating, sidewalk reconstruction, street reclamation with new surface asphalt, signing, striping, and traffic control for City streets, with significant improvements to Mallard Lane, Second, and Fourth Streets. In addition, there will be some travel lane changes, additional parking spaces added downtown, and bike lanes installed on Mallard Lane and Fourth Street. The construction contract was awarded to Texas Road in the amount of \$4,094,857.40 in June.

Construction is slated to begin later this month and is estimated to be substantially complete by spring 2024. As construction begins, the City urges all residents to exercise caution and prioritize safety when traveling through construction zones.



July Sales Tax Numbers

The City of Taylor has released the actual and cumulative sales tax numbers for the month of July and posted them to the City's website. The sales and use tax revenue reported for the City in July 2023 was \$1,964,244, an increase of more than \$1.1 million (131.3%) over the same time last year. The cumulative sales and use tax revenue through July 2023 is \$18,698,888, an increase of over \$12.9 million (224.9%) over the same period in 2021-22. In November 2022, the City began releasing a report on the third Tuesday of every month detailing the cumulative and actual numbers from the last four months of the year and comparing them to the three prior years.

Increased sales tax revenue is a positive for Taylor residents for several reasons. A majority of the revenue in the City's General Fund is made up of ad valorem, or property tax that is charged to residents, and sales and use tax that is charged to anyone who purchases goods and services in the City. When sales and use tax revenues are up, it can help lower the property tax rate. Additionally, the increase in sales tax revenue helped the City fund limb and debris cleanup efforts due to Winter Storm Mara.

Between the increased construction use taxes from the Samsung Semiconductor construction project, and an influx of visitors and businesses in our City, the City has seen an upward trend in sales and use tax numbers that we expect will continue in the coming years.

The next report will be released on Tuesday, August 15. For more information and to view the report, visit Finance section of the City's website at www.taylortx.gov [<http://www.taylortx.gov>].



CR 366 Closed to Traffic Until Summer 2024

Williamson County and the City of Taylor are partnering to reconstruct and

widen CR 366 from two lanes to three lanes with a continuous center turn lane and shoulders from Carlos G. Parker Boulevard to Chandler Road. Construction began in November 2022. The City of Taylor maintains CR 366, while Williamson County is managing the reconstruction project. Increased truck traffic has caused significant damage to the existing pavement. Due to this road damage, Williamson County and the City of Taylor agree it is in the best interest of the traveling public to close the road to through traffic until the construction project is completed. We will provide access to local traffic on CR 366 and CR 369 through the construction zone. CR 367 residents will access via Carlos G Parker Blvd. The closure began on July 24, and remain in place until the project is completed in summer 2024.



Celebrate Back to School with Movies in the Park

The Parks and Recreation Department will be holding its last Movies in the Park and celebrate back to school on Friday, Aug. 11 starting at 7 PM. The Featured movie will be Remember the Titans and will take place at the historic Memorial Field at Murphy Park.

The TISD Class of 2025 will be there selling chopped beef sandwiches to help with their fundraising efforts. The Taylor Duck Football team will also join us at 8 PM to watch the movie and the Taylor Police Department School Resource Officers for the middle and high schools will be there visiting with everyone as well. There will be live music featuring School of Rock starting at 7:30 PM. The movie will begin around 8:30 PM.

Kids are encouraged to bring water guns to help stay cool in the summer heat. There will be plastic pools to fill up with water. Parents can also bring canopy tents or umbrellas.

Come out and help us celebrate the end of summer. We hope everyone has a great school year!

Upcoming Events Calendar

To stay up to date on city events, be sure to follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/cityoftaylortexas/) [<https://www.facebook.com/cityoftaylortexas/>] and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/CityOfTaylor?) [<https://twitter.com/CityOfTaylor?>]

[ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor](#)], and check the Community Calendar on the City's website.

August

- **Friday, August 11 | Dusk | *Movies in the Park*** - Grab a blanket or favorite lawn chair and join us for Movies in the Park at Memorial Field in Murphy Park. This month's featured movie will be Remember the Titans. This will be the last Movie in the Park for this season.

Taylor Public Library

The [Taylor Public Library](#) [<http://www.ci.taylor.tx.us/25/Library>] is located at 801 Vance St. in Taylor.



CURRENT OPERATING HOURS:

Monday/Wednesday: 9 AM - 6 PM

Tuesday/Thursday: 9 AM - 8 PM

Friday: noon - 6 PM

Saturday: 11 AM - 4 PM

Sunday: closed

City Council Meetings

Council meetings are held at 6 PM the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at City Hall, 400 Porter Street.(unless otherwise noted)

Council will meet:


- August 10, 24
- September 14, 28

Live streaming of Council meetings and taped recordings are available [on our website](#).


Holiday Closures

City offices will be closed on the following dates:

- Monday, September 4 (Labor Day)

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